

Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0032] with the following amended paragraph:

“[0032] It is important to note that the algorithm is not limited to Internet and multimedia communication, but can be incorporated into any telecommunication application that would benefit from the reduced computational requirements of the CNG algorithm of an embodiment of the invention. It is appreciated that such a telecommunication application may be implemented by a storage medium containing content which, when executed by an accessing machine, causes the accessing machine to perform an algorithm according to any of a variety of techniques described herein. Such a storage medium may include any of a variety of memory devices well known in the computing arts. Further, while the CNG algorithm has been described with reference to the encoder side of the Annex B standard, the use of the CNG algorithm of an embodiment of the invention is not limited to Annex B. Rather, the CNG algorithm, in particular the re-use of pre-computed random numbers, can be applied to any comfort noise generation scheme.”